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▶ George Bonofas, 18, writes a message at a makeshift memorial outside Rogers Arena yesterday following news that former Vancouver Canucks player Rick Rypien died Monday.

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Canucks Nation mourns Rypien

- Winnipeg Jets forward was found dead in his Alberta home
- Fans to celebrate life of fan-favourite fighter outside Rogers Arena today

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George Bonofas was in his dad's car listening to the radio when he heard the news that one of his favourite players, Rick Rypien, had died.

The former Canucks centre, who signed a one-year deal with the Winnipeg Jets in July, was found dead in his Alberta home Monday. Police are calling it a "non-suspicious sudden death."

Bonofas, 18, took a break from his shift at his family's restaurant to pay his respects to Rypien yesterday at a makeshift shrine outside Rogers Arena.

"A lot of people might see him as just a small guy," he said. "(But) he was the heart and soul of this team. A lot of people might not see that, but I saw it."

Rypien, 27, became a fan favourite during his six seasons with the Canucks for never shying away from a brawl.

"His fights, that's what made him," Bonofas added. "He's not (Sidney) Crosby. He's not (Alex) Ovechkin. But in his own way, he's one of the best players in the NHL."

In Winnipeg, Jets assistant general manager Craig Heisinger said the former NHLer had battled depression for over a decade.

Canucks GM Mike Gillis would not go into detail about the treatment Rypien underwent.

"Over the course of the last three seasons, we participated in a variety of different initiatives with him and we were all really close with him," Gillis said yesterday in Toronto. "We had an understanding of what we thought was going on and had a number of outside agencies involved in assisting us, and we felt we were on course."

A celebration-of-life event will be held today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Roger Neilson statue outside Rogers Arena.

Paula Concepcion said she was shocked when she heard about Rypien.

"It was only last March when we saw him in interviews and he was happy and optimistic that he could revive his career," she said. "To hear he's gone, it just hurts considering that this is the second death after Luc (Bourdon)."

She was also hopeful the Stanley Cup loss this spring and Rypien's death would light a fire under the Canucks.

"It's like two big blows to the Canucks organization, but it's just going to make them stronger and make them have more drive to do better," she said.

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Depression doesn't discriminate

Depression is an illness that can afflict anyone. Rich, poor, famous or unknown, the mental health issue can take hold in all walks of life, even in professional hockey.

"It's across the board," said Jude Platzer, founder of the Vancouver-based Josh Platzer Society for Teen Suicide Prevention and Awareness. "It's there. You'd be amazed how many people are affected by this, millions around the world."

Platzer's son Josh was one of those people. He took his own life 12 years ago when those around him failed to see the warning signs, or were too afraid and uncomfortable to ask him about it.

The late Rick Rypien, the former Vancouver Canuck who died suddenly in his Alberta home this week, was another whose person issues were believed to be linked to depression. Although Rypien received help from the organization, teammates, family and friends, Platzer knows what the fan-favourite hockey player was going through.

"When you're in that place, you can't see the woods in the trees, can't see the light at the end of the tunnel," she said.

By all accounts, Rypien was doing well in his battle before his death. What matters most, according to Platzer, is for society to shed the stigma attached to depression.

"People just don't know about depression and how to deal with it," she said. "We have to get rid of this taboo." MATT KIELTYKA

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▶ Rick Rypien of the Vancouver Canucks stretches prior to an NHL game against the Minnesota Wild in 2009 at General Motors Place.

Hockey 'hero' mourned by hometown

Community members have said Rypien was recently teaching a hockey camp ◐ RCMP do not consider his death suspicious

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Members of the hockey community in southern Alberta's Crowsnest Pass are trying to deal with the loss of an NHL player and local "hero."

Former Vancouver Canuck and recent Winnipeg Jet signee Rick Rypien, 27, was found dead at his home in Coleman on Monday. Former president of the Crowsnest Pass Minor Hockey Association Rory Snider said Rypien was not only an exceptional hockey player, he was a "great person" who was dedicated to his hometown.

"For a lot of kids and a lot of people here, Rick was a hero for them," said Snider. "He never forgot where he was from."

Snider said Rypien was involved in minor hockey as well as the old-timer league, and would drop the puck at their tournament.

"It's tough to lose anyone in a small community," he said. "It's just shock around the community as of right now. People are just having a hard time dealing the fact that he's no longer here."

After taking time away from his NHL career to battle personal issues — said to be linked to depression — Rypien appeared to be in a good place, according to longtime friend and fellow NHLer Jason Jaffray. He appeared content and at peace and talked about the possibility of winning the Stanley Cup, according to Jaffray.

That is why his sudden death inside his Alberta home Monday has come as such a shock.

"Everyone knew he had some issues that he had to get taken care of last year and he was definitely a new man when he came back and ... he was definitely the happiest I'd even seen him," Jaffray said Tuesday from his home in Olds.

"We actually had joked around about bringing a cup back to Winnipeg."

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▶ Police have released photos of the SUV allegedly used by gunman.

SUV in shooting sought

Suspects were seen driving away from the scene in a Ford Explorer

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Police have released photos of the SUV allegedly used by the gunmen that killed infamous gang member Jonathan Bacon.

Kelowna RCMP hope that witnesses will be able to tell investigators where the silver/green Ford Explorer may have been over the weekend before and after the shooting, what direction it was travelling in and provide descriptions of any occupants. On Sunday, masked gunmen pulled up to a vehicle with Bacon, 30, inside and opened fire — killing Bacon and injuring three others. A burned-out SUV was found by police later in the day, but RCMP have yet to connect the discovery with the shooting.

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Gangs linked to Surrey shooting

A man with alleged gang connections was shot at up to eight times outside a Surrey nightclub Monday night but miraculously escaped with only superficial injuries.

Surrey RCMP confirmed the incident, outside the Mirage nightclub in the 10100 block of 153rd Street, was likely a targeted shooting given the victim's past.

Sgt. Peter Thiessen said the victim wasn't hit by any of the bullets fired at him, but rather cut by flying glass.

He did not need to be taken to hospital.

Three other males were with the victim at the time and also escaped injury.

Although linked to gang activity, Mounties say there is no connection between the shooting and the killing of notorious gangster Jonathan Bacon in Kelowna Sunday.

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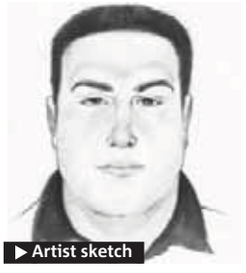

▶ Artist sketch

Sketch released of suspected attacker

Vancouver sex-crime investigators have released a composite drawing of a man suspected of assaulting two women on the seawall over the past couple days.

Police are looking for a Caucasian man in his late 20s or early 30s, approximately six feet tall, with fair skin and a stocky build. He was wearing a black button-down shirt with short sleeves and a collar, dark jeans and running shoes. He is clean-shaven with a dark brush cut.

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News in brief

HST opponents call for voting extension

Opponents of the HST say they want an extension to referendum voting after dozens of people were allowed to cast their ballots after the deadline. Elections BC says 39 voters were given extensions because they hadn't received a ballot by the Aug. 5 deadline. **NEWS 1130**

B.C. baby discharged from Seattle hospital

A Seattle hospital has discharged a three-month-old B.C. boy who was ejected from a car on Interstate 5 last week. The Surrey infant was admitted to Harborview Medical Centre after he and his car seat were found in separate locations. **CKNW/AM 980**

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Bear killed in Langley

SHOT. A bear was shot and killed by the RCMP in Langley yesterday morning after police received calls about the bear wandering in a residential area near 196th Street and 70th Avenue. As police were waiting for conservation officers, the bear become aggressive, according to RCMP Sgt. Don Davidson, and charged a police officer who discharged his firearm, CBC News reports.

Davidson said they've had many bear calls over the past few weeks throughout Langley.

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Pirate paks back at White Spot

FOR CHARITY. Pirate Paks for adults return to local White Spot restaurants today.

The fourth annual Pirate Pak Day sees $2 from the sale of each Pirate Pak donated to the Zajac Ranch for Children, a B.C. charity dedicated to children with life-threatening illnesses.

TERRIS SCHNEIDE

Man rescued from lake

OSOYOOS. RCMP rescued a man this weekend after the toy dinghy he was riding on flipped over in Osoyoos Lake.

Transport Canada and RCMP responded to the man as he signalled for help. He was lifted into a patrol boat and brought back to safety.

Other than being out of breath, the 43-year-old man from South Surrey suffered no injuries and did not require medical attention.

TERRIS SCHNEIDER

Kitten dumpers sought

- One kitten euthanized due to severe injuries
- Two survivors recovered and up for adoption

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▶ Oscar and Dumpster, inset, have been rescued and are up for adoption.

One kitten was euthanized after three kittens were dumped in a garbage bin at a Vancouver Island ferry terminal last month.

Nanaimo SPCA branch manager Leon Davis said a BC Ferries employee found a bag containing two kittens and a third one underneath it.

A staff member brought the kittens home for the evening, he added, and brought them to the SPCA the next day.

"One of the kittens had a bad fracture on its femur and pelvis," Davis said. "Sadly, it had to be humanely euthanized on the advice of a vet."

"The other two were emaciated, dehydrated and had some flea-infestation issues, but they've recovered now and are available for adoption," he added.

The two surviving kittens are named Dumpster and Oscar.

Video footage provided by BC Ferries shows a man and a woman, both wearing red T-shirts, walking along the Departure Bay ferry terminal in Nanaimo on July 27 before dumping a bag into a trash bin where the kittens were found.

"If we found the suspects, we would submit our findings and recommendations to Crown counsel, but it'll be their decision if they're going forward with charges," he said.

"Jail time is something we would like to happen more often."

Davis is urging the suspected kitten dumpers to come forward and is asking anyone who recognizes the pair in the video to contact the authorities.

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Not giving up on their search

A family continues to search for an Australian man who vanished in B.C. one year ago after sustaining a head injury in the Interior.

Owen Rooney went missing from the Grand Folks Hospital on Aug. 14, 2010, two days after sustaining a head injury at the Shambhala Music Festival near Salmo.

The RCMP, along with Rooney's family, are asking for the public's help for new tips and leads to help figure out where he may have headed.

Anyone with information regarding Rooney's whereabouts or have any details on his disappearance are asked to contact the Grand Forks RCMP at 250-442-8288.

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▶ Owen Rooney

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ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

Two killed in Gaza violence

The Israeli military killed two Palestinians in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip yesterday, one in an airstrike and another as he approached the Gaza border, Israeli and Palestinian officials said.

The military said its aircraft struck five targets in retaliation for Palestinian rocket fire on southern Israel Monday that exploded in the city of Beersheba. It said aircraft hit a group of armed men.

Late yesterday, Israeli soldiers also shot a Palestinian when he approached the border that separates Gaza and Israel. An Israeli military spokesman said the man had entered a no-go zone where "militants frequently set explosive devices or ambush soldiers on patrol nearby."

Abu Salmia said medics "retrieved the body riddled with bullet holes."

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Gadhafi forces take hospital

- Two doctors manage to escape
- Rebels make push into Zawiya

The day Libyan rebels advanced into the strategic city of Zawiya, Moammar Gadhafi's forces clamped down on the local hospital.

They forced doctors to perform hours of consecutive surgeries, put snipers on the roof and an anti-aircraft gun near the entrance, two doctors who managed to escape said yesterday.

As the Libyan regime's grip on this coastal city of 200,000 is slipping, stories are seeping out about the reign of fear and intimidation imposed here over the past five months.

Residents interviewed in rebel-controlled parts of Zawiya gave accounts of mass arrests in the preceding months. A woman said her son-in-law and two of his relatives were arrested and killed by Gadhafi agents.

Zawiya had risen up forcefully against Gadhafi when anti-regime protests swept the country in mid-February, but was reoccupied in a brutal crackdown in mid-March. Rebels pushed into the city on Saturday, but after four days of fighting, Gadhafi's soldiers still cling to positions in eastern areas, including the hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Outrage

- Anger against the regime runs deep in Zawiya, where residents said regime supporters supplied Gadhafi soldiers with lists of suspected rebel sympathizers to arrest.
- Abdel Moez Ramadan, a 20-year-old fighter, said he was imprisoned for three months, suffering beatings and electrical shock during the first 20 days. He said his interrogators demanded that he chant slogans in praise of Gadhafi.
- After his release, he fled to the rebels' mountain stronghold and joined the fight to free Zawiya, he said.

India. Corruption

▶ Supporters of social activist Anna Hazare shout slogans after they were detained in New Delhi yesterday.

GURINDER OSAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police stop hunger strike

In India, prominent anti-corruption activist Anna Hazare was detained by police yesterday. Police nabbed him just hours before he was set to embark on a public hunger strike to demand tougher anti-corruption laws on the country's scandal-plagued government.

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TRANSIT IN THE CITY

Revamping the daily commute

For the third and final instalment of our transit series, we asked for ways to improve the experience of waiting and riding. And you answered. Here's a sample of what readers from coast to coast have on their wishlists.

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BUS-ONLY LANES

- "(It) would allow buses to bypass heavy traffic and maintain a regular schedule, even during rush hour. This would be good for everyone, not just for regular transit users."
  — Peter Byrne, Calgary

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PRE-PAID FARE CARDS

- "The cards can be reloaded with either cash or tickets/tokens.... Then transfers will become obsolete, saving tons of paper per year.
  — Simeon Wong, Toronto
- "All stations are equipped with a fare vending machine, which dispenses a reloadable transit card. Fare is calculated in regards to how far you're travelling within the system."
  — Jewely, Toronto

BETTER SHELTERS

- "Partial shelters ... offer absolutely nothing in terms of protection from the snow of rain.... Bus shelters (should) also have an intercom to contact both police and a bus call centre for help and inquiries."
  — Donovan Lam, Toronto

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LONGER HOURS, ON WEEKENDS ESPECIALLY

- "It would reduce drinking and driving and encourage nightlife downtown."
  — Tom Broniewicz, London
- "There are many people without cars that have to work shifts and need to rely on other means of transportation just to get to and from work."
  — Anita Kubin, Toronto

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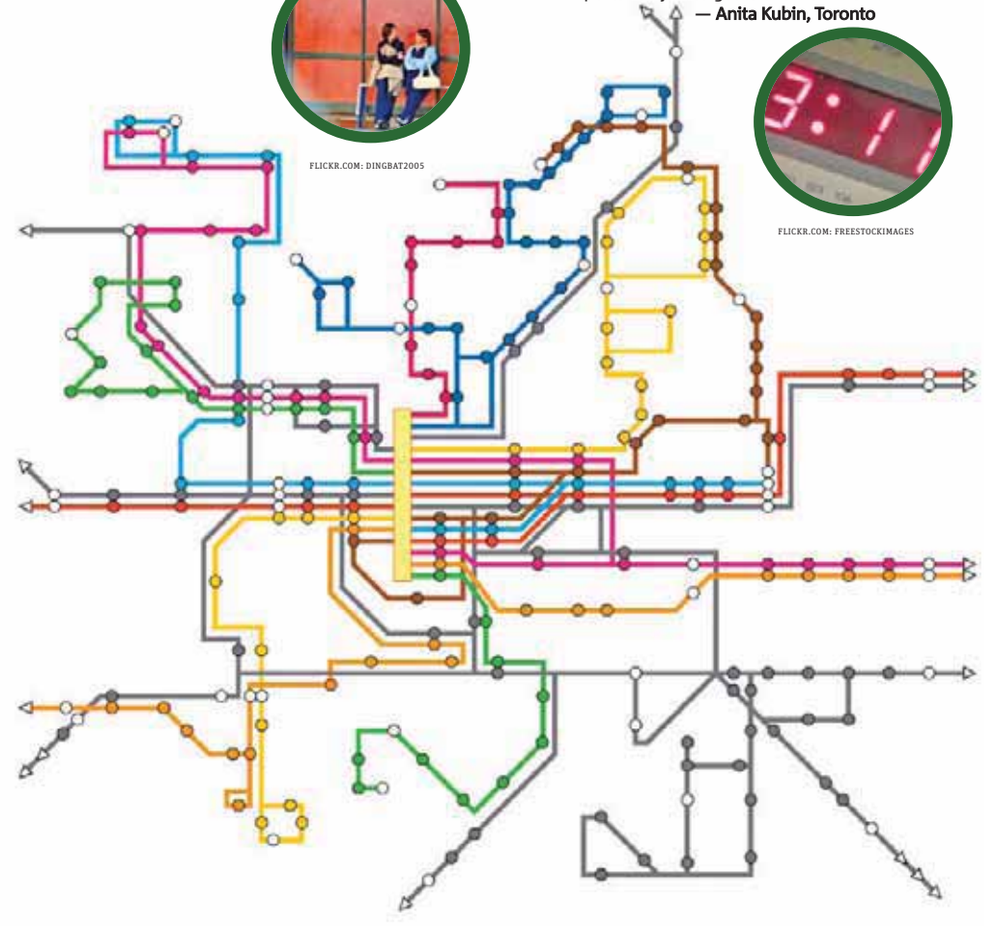

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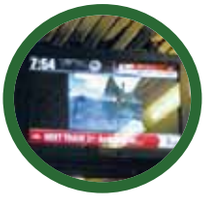
APPS

- "Wi-Fi on all buses. Automated schedule changes or holiday updates via email or text message.
  — @halirob, Halifax
- Fix the GPS system by making it real-time instead of what appears to be an approximation based on schedules.
  — Tom Broniewicz, London



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BETTER ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEMS

- "Monitor screens at each station (display) the expected arrival of the next three trains.... (Vehicles) should be equipped with screens for displaying the stops and also have an automated voice to announce the stops."
  — Sofiat M. Akinola, Calgary

Want to catch a bus? There's an app for that

Cities across Canada are trying to boost public transit use by tackling one of the biggest frustrations for riders, the interminable wait at a bus stop wondering when the heck that bus will come.

Municipal transit services are turning to text-messaging systems, apps for mobile devices and even alerts for your desktop to make riding a bus, train or subway more predictable and user-friendly.

Winnipeg is on the leading edge, using global positioning software on all its buses to provide real-time information across multiple platforms. With a quick click on a computer or mobile device, you can see when your bus will arrive — and not the scheduled time, but an up-to-the-minute estimate based on its current position and traffic volumes.

Winnipeg has spent more than $4 million on its information system, which includes a program called BusGadget. Designed for a home or office computer, the program lets users monitor one or more bus stops to see when upcoming buses are due.

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▶ A GPS app is used on a mobile device in front of a streetcar in Toronto.

Toronto's transit authority has also moved to provide real-time arrival information through GPS locators on its buses. The system went online last month through a third-party website. Users can also send a text that includes their bus-stop number and get a message back that outlines the arrival times of upcoming buses.

The Toronto Transit Commission doesn't have the type of desktop software that Winnipeg does to remind users of upcoming buses, but it is allowing software developers to access its data and come up with their own programs.

Other cities, such as Edmonton and Montreal, have plans to add GPS technology.

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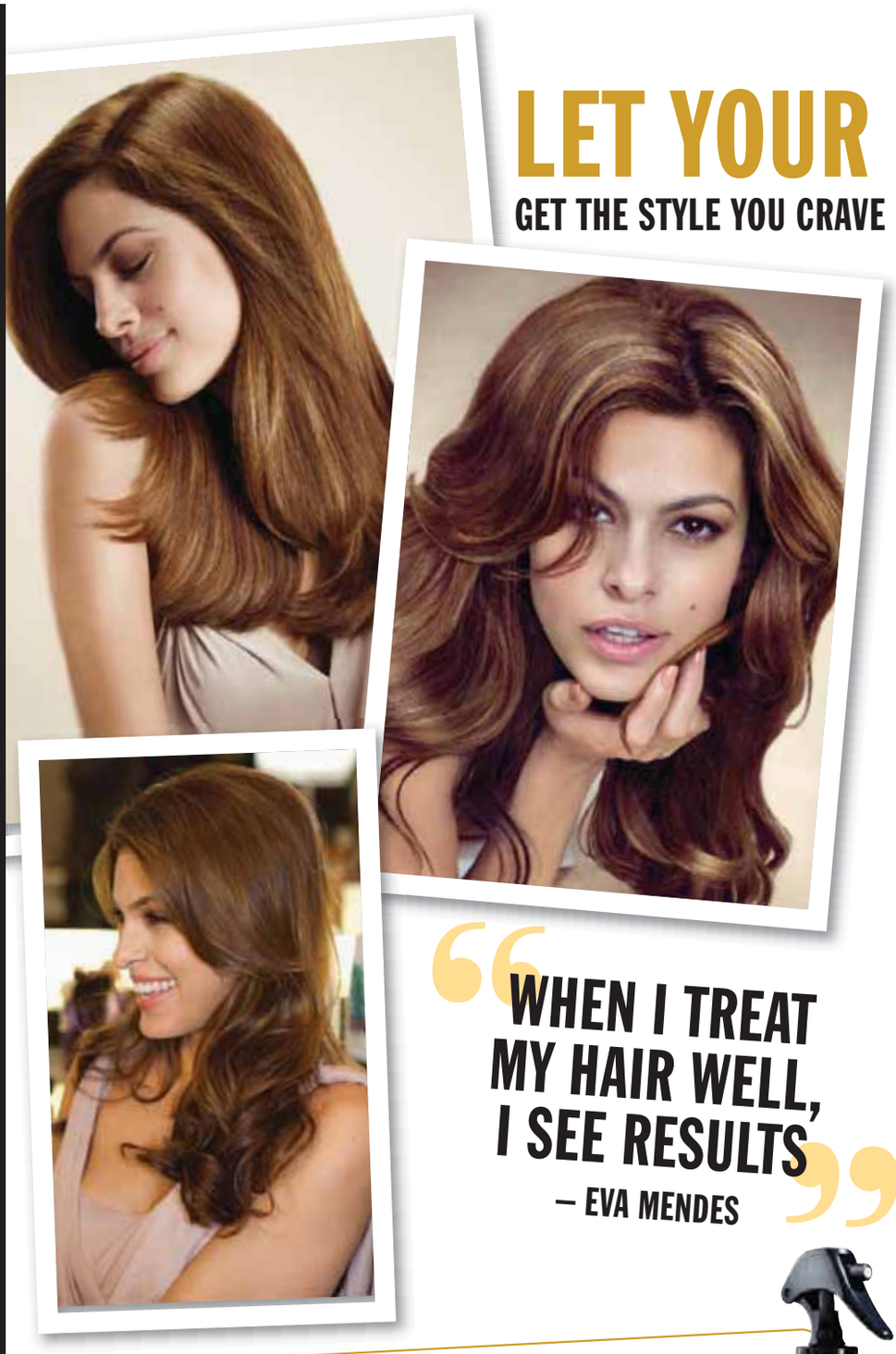

LET YOUR HAIR DOWN

GET THE STYLE YOU CRAVE AND STRENGTHEN YOUR LOCKS

We're no different from stars like Eva Mendes. We all want beautiful, healthy-looking hair that's smooth, shiny and soft. But constant heat, styling tools and processing can leave hair damaged. And as hair becomes damaged, it loses some of the naturally protective layers, so it looks dull, feels rough and becomes difficult to style.

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"WHEN I TREAT MY HAIR WELL, I SEE RESULTS"
– EVA MENDES

KEEP YOUR HAIR HEALTHY LOOOKING

EXPERT TIPS FROM PANTENE PROFESSIONAL STYLIST DANILO

- **BRUSH STROKES** Take care not to damage hair with over-zealous brushing and combing, particularly if hair is wet or tangled.
- **STAY COOL** Heat robs hair of moisture, making it dry and unmanageable. Minimize the use of heat on your hair and set styling tools at the lowest possible temperature to keep hair soft and healthy-looking.
- **RISE AND SHINE** To create a foundation for hair and to help avoid breakage, lightly mist Pantene Pro-V Health Protection and Shine Spray throughout hair. It protects from heat styling damage and gives hair shine.

STRENGTHEN YOUR LOCKS

The Pantene Breakage to Strength collection helps strengthen hair against breakage* so you can get the healthy look you want. Anti-breakage Complex helps reinforce every strand against future damage and the formulas have been designed to help protect hair's keratin structure to help put an end to split ends for hair that is spectacular.

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is formulated to bind existing split ends with one use and protect hair from further damage and split ends with continued use.

*Shampoo and conditioner vs. non-conditioning shampoo.

Madoff investors can't claim more

Investors who lost billions of dollars in Bernard Madoff's massive multi-decade Ponzi scheme fraud are not entitled to recover fake profits that were described to them in phoney statements, a U.S. federal appeals court said yesterday.

The court concluded that a trustee's calculation of the investors' losses was "legally sound" and that a bankruptcy court was correct when it rejected arguments from lawyers for investors who said their clients should receive more than what they initially gave to Madoff.

A three-judge panel of the Manhattan court said customer statements showing that initial investments of about $17.3 billion had ballooned to more than $65 billion "reflect impossible transactions and the trustee is not obligated to step into the shoes of the defrauder or treat the customer statements as reflections of reality."

Madoff is serving a 150-year sentence after admitting the fraud.

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My little Ponzi

- **Madoff told investors** before his 2008 arrest that their investments had more than tripled, but the investments were never made.
- **Many investors are angry** about the court ruling, particularly those who recovered and spent more than their original investment based on expectations that more money was coming.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
- 152.9 (12,530)	- 0.23¢ (101.82¢ US)

Oil	Natural gas	Gold
- $1.23 ($86.65 US)	$3.93 US (- 0.9¢)	$1,785 US (+ $27)

Goodall sues over 'Janey Baby' food

Jane Goodall's non-profit organization is suing an organic baby food company, claiming it failed to pay up after the primate expert agreed to market a vegetarian product called Janey Baby.

The Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education and Conservation filed the lawsuit in Manhattan against Sprout Foods, which was co-founded by chef Tyler Florence of the Food Network. The institute claims Sprout owes it $720,000 US.

Sprout says the contract was made by its former CEO and that the firm was in discussions with the institute about a revised relationship. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Jane Goodall

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U.K. phone hacking covered up: Journalist

MPs could recall James Murdoch in wake of contradictory account

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▶ Clive Goodman, shown in London in 2006.

Convicted phone hacker Clive Goodman warned more than four years ago that illegal eavesdropping was widespread at the News of the World tabloid and its senior journalists had approved the practice, according to a letter Goodman wrote to the human resources director of the paper's parent company.

In the letter, made public yesterday by British MPs, Goodman said phone hacking was carried out with "the full knowledge and support" of the paper's leadership.

Both News of the World and parent company News International have insisted that Goodman — who was fired, convicted and jailed for his role in the scandal — was the only reporter involved in intercepting voicemail messages.

Goodman's letter, addressed to Daniel Cloke and dated March 2, 2007, directly contradicts that.

Goodman said he was acting with the backing of senior journalists, that other staff at the News of the World were also hacking phones and that "this practice was widely discussed in the daily editorial conference, until explicit reference to it was banned by the editor."

The names of those involved have been obscured by police.

The House of Commons' culture, media and sport committee said they will probably recall James Murdoch to answer more questions about phone hacking at the News of the World. Murdoch, who runs the European division of his father Rupert's media empire, testified last month that he was unaware of evidence of widespread phone hacking at the paper.

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Project Runway: Fiat edition

Fiat will introduce a Gucci version of its 500 mini car in the United States.

The black special edition of the car features glossy paint, chrome detailing and a leather interior with white accents. It has the Italian fashion label's emblem on the headrests. It also has Gucci's signature green-and-red stripe along the body, seatbelts and seats.

It will be introduced Sept. 8 at the start of New York Fashion Week and will come to showrooms in December.

It's an effort to boost sales of the car, which have been slow since its North American debut in March.

Fiat has sold 7,982 mini cars in the U.S and 3,064 in Canada, short of its goal of 50,000 for the year.

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Patent suit targets Apple Inc.

Taiwanese smartphone maker HTC Corp. says Apple Inc. has violated three patents covering smartphones and other technologies, the latest round in a dispute between the two firms.

HTC filed its latest lawsuit yesterday in Wilmington, Del., where Apple Inc. sued HTC a year ago. Both companies also have complaints before the U.S. International Trade Commission, which has the power to block imports of devices and parts found to infringe on a company's intellectual property.

HTC seeks unspecified damages and a ban that would prevent Apple from using the technologies in question. Affected products include the iPhone, the iPad tablet computer, Mac notebook, desktop computers and iPod music players.

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Manufacturing sales flatten in June

June shaping up to be a weak month for Canadian economy Analysts hope for rebound in fall with pickup in auto, energy sales

Manufacturing sales in Canada fell for a third consecutive month in June, hitting their lowest level since last November, Statistics Canada reported yesterday.

The bigger-than-expected drop was the latest piece of the picture for a second quarter that has shown little improvement for the Canadian economy.

Factory sales fell 1.5 per cent to $45.3 billion in June from May compared with a drop of 0.5 per cent that had been expected by economists.

Sales of durable goods fell 1.9 per cent, while sales of non-durable goods were down 1.2 per cent. Lower sales were reported in 15 of 21 industries, representing 77.5 per cent of total Canadian manufacturing.

Francis Fong, a TD Bank economist, said the high loonie combined with the weak economies of Canada's key trading partners could weigh heavily on the manufacturing sector in the next few months.

"Sales will likely continue to struggle despite the thawing in global supply chains following March's Japanese earthquake and the dollar having pulled back by almost five cents from just a few weeks ago," he said.

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Profits fizzle

- **The drop** in manufacturing sales came as the Conference Board of Canada predicted corporate profits will soften over the next six months due to widespread weakness.
- **It says** industry profitability fell 0.1 per cent in July as 18 out of 49 industries recorded a drop last month, the highest number since the fall of 2009.

Deep. Discount

A man operates a Sony Playstation 3 at an electronics shop in Mainz, Germany. The gaming console does better in Europe than it does in North America.

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Sony's new game plan

Sony Corp. is cutting the price of its PlayStation 3 by $50 to drum up demand for the five-year-old device. The worldwide price cut announced yesterday comes less than a month after rival Nintendo Co. cut the price of its Nintendo 3DS player.

Charge. Service

A Nissan Leaf charges up yesterday during the dedication of Electric Avenue at Portland State University in Portland, Ore. One block of a street running through the campus offers seven EV charging stations, including a quick charge station where students and visitors can plug in electric cars, bicycles, trucks and motorcycles.

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We're gonna rock down to Electric Avenue

Norwegian oil a 'giant' discovery

Norway's Statoil has received a huge boost to its reserves with the announcement that two previous North Sea oil discoveries are connected. It could be the biggest find in the Norwegian continental shelf in 30 years.

Statoil said yesterday that the Aldous and Avaldsnes oil discoveries together contain 500 million to 1.2 billion barrels of oil, much more than previously thought.

Tim Dodson, Statoil's vice-president for exploration, called the combined discovery "giant," adding that "Norway has not seen a similar oil discovery since the mid-'80s."

Its gross value could be as much as $40 billion US.

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Take a look at our sample story and then get writing!

Every road trip offers…

… memories to last a lifetime, but my most memorable was spent touring the Rocky Mountains in Alberta with my family. My parents packed my brother and me, aged 9 and 13, into our family SUV for a two-week trip.

I'm sure there were squabbles along the way, but when I look back I recall wonderful moments. I remember sunny days, stopping for ice cream at viewpoints along the highway, singing along to popular radio hits as we wound through the mountains and countless giggles as we entertained ourselves with silly road trip games like "I Spy".

But by far, the best part of our road trip was an unexpected adventure along the way. On an excursion to Lake Louise we took a wrong turn, and found ourselves driving down a secluded road underneath a canopy of trees, all alone except for an occasional sighting of wildlife. The views were spectacular and no one was in a hurry to return to the highway, so we carried on.

Eventually, the pavement became bumpy gravel. Crawling along at 10km an hour, we finally came to the end of the road – with a magnificent vista in view: sparkling turquoise water encircled by rugged mountains. Rather than reaching our planned destination, we had accidentally discovered Lake Moraine, a pristine glacial lake, far away from the touristy crowds. We sat still and quiet in the car, taking in the breathtaking view and realizing how lucky we were to get lost after all.

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IF YOU BELIEVE THEY'LL PUT A MAN ON MARS

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

My ambition to be the first man on Mars has lost a little steam over the past few years.

You know the story: Kids, career and mortgage have taken a toll on a quest that was spawned even before I read Stranger in a Strange Land and grokked it in fullness.

But I'm back, baby. Thanks to the 14th International Mars Society Convention last week in Dallas, there's a new spring in my step that will come in handy on Mars, where I only weigh 75.4 pounds. I'll be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. If there are any.

I was starting to lose hope. Speaking of lacking gravity, U.S. President Barack Obama is a nice guy, but his vision on space is lightweight. He has scuttled the idea of human missions to the moon and Mars, instead promising to send astronauts to an asteroid by 2020.

Gee, that's great. Let's all go to a rock.

"Mars buffs have had it with the government. If you want to do anything right, you have to do it yourself. So Elon Musk, the guy who invented PayPal and the Tesla electric car, has announced he's mounting an expedition to Mars. Details to follow."

But the romance of interplanetary space travel is not dead. The theme of the conference — attended by actual grownups — was Mars or Bust! All right! Where do I sign up? If I knew what to pack, I'd start now.

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The fact is no one is quite sure how to get there, or whether we could stand the extended blast of cosmic radiation that goes with a long space flight. But that didn't bother anyone at Mars Or Bust 2011, or prevent them from debating the marriage of X-ray pulsar deep-space navigation versus Variable Specific Impulse Magnetoplasma Rockets (VASIMR). Whatever. Beam me up, Scotty.

Right in the middle of Mars Or Bust, scientists discovered (or thought they did — there's a lot of that when it comes to Mars) actual water on Mars. This of course means it won't be long before we identify the martians themselves, who have stayed under the radar until determining if our intentions are friendly.

It's OK. You can come out now. We come in peace. Let me be the first to shake your tentacle.

Now, how about a condo development with a view of Olympus Mons (just the highest peak in the solar system at 29 kilometres!).

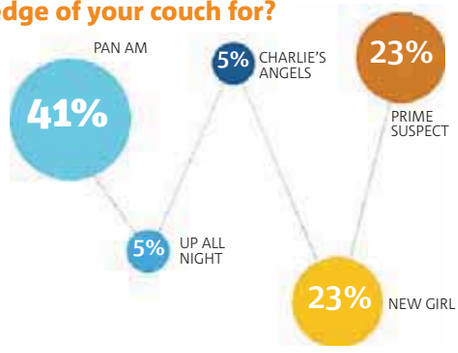
You'll be a wealthy ... entity.

Hey, being the first man on Mars has its advantages.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Register at metropolitanpanel.ca and take the quick poll

What new fall show are you on the edge of your couch for?



Local tweets

- **@kdlax:** He wasn't the biggest guy out there but he sure played like it. RIP Rick Rypien
- **@HockeyLover93:** Rick Rypien should've gotten the help he needed when he was still here. don't hesitate to help a friend, even if they don't want it. so sad
- **@kyledickson9:** RIP Rick Rypien #toosoon
- **@M_Corazza88:** Rypien was a beast... Nuff said
- **@ryanhobart1:** Rip Rick Rypien @NHL lost another soldier
- **@TaiChi_mind:** R.I.P Rick Rypien you were a tough dude in hockey #NHL
- **@Rocco93Porco:** r.i.p rick rypien...gone too soon
- **@WesmanStinson:** rick rypien you were an inspiration to not listen to when others doubted you...rest in peace
- **@BrettBarclay:** Rick Rypien after being assigned to Manitoba last season. Makes my heart hurt. Guy was a warrior. RIP
- **@Smacker33:** Thoughts and prayers for the Rypien family, going through such a tragic time!

Letters

Re: Transit in the city, Aug. 16 and 17

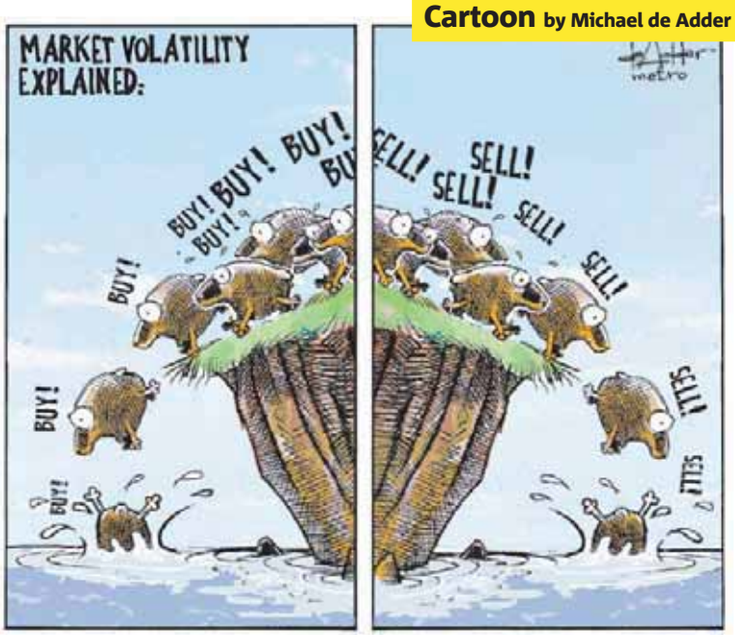
I lived in downtown Toronto for six years and moved to Vancouver a year ago. The transit here is much more reliable and much cleaner. I take transit to work everyday, and the bus and SkyTrain are on time 99 per cent of the time. I've experienced the odd delay, which is inevitable with public transit, but nothing like Toronto. However, the SkyTrain should definitely be expanded to Coquitlam. And installing floor-to-ceiling turnstiles at all SkyTrain stations would ensure all passengers pay.

JENNIFER GREGORY

I would create enclosed shelters at bus transfer stations. Hundreds of people transfer from SkyTrain every hour and stand with no shelter whatsoever. SkyTrain should run 24 hours a day. Large crowds gather in Vancouver for concerts and events daily and people work until 11 p.m., and we have to start providing better transit for this group.

CHERYL LOWEN
ALDERGROVE

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

First up on the agenda: Naming a street after the Biebs

The 11-year-old "mayor for a day" of a Dallas-area city knows what her first major act in office will be: Renaming part of Main Street for teen heartthrob Justin Bieber.

A temporary sign for "Justin Bieber Way" went up yesterday during a ceremony in Forney, Texas.

City manager Brian Brooks says the request came from 11-year-old Caroline Gonzalez. She won a contest meant to get young people interested in municipal government. She's active in student council, recycling and community-service projects.

Brooks says city officials weren't able to reach Bieber to invite him to Forney, which is about 24 kilometres east of Dallas.

The tween politician's act won't cost the community much.

Officials say the sign was made for about $20 and would only be displayed for the day.

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The spy who loved mom

In honour of the latest Spy Kids movie, we asked parents if their kids would make good spies The results will have you laughing ... and probably locking your bedroom door

Jessica Alba stars in Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D, which opens Friday.

Name of Mom: Robin
Kid: Seth, 8
Why he makes a good spy:
"Every day when he gets home, he goes on some kind of 'mission.' He makes all kinds of spy gear and is always dressing up as agents. He made a keypad out of paper for his door so he

could 'secure' his room. Since I'm his mom, he gave me a code to punch in so that I can enter."

Name of Mom: Zoe
Kid: Ezra, age 7
Why he makes a good spy:
"He talked his Dad into buying him a toy motion detector alarm that really works. He sets it up all over the house and then lies in wait for me to trigger it. I round the corner at the top of the stairs and trip the laser and wham-

mo — sirens go off. Ezra jumps out from behind the door shouting, 'Caught you!'"

Name of Mom: Melanie
Kid: Mayla, 5
Why she makes a good spy:
"She's always 'spying' on her dad. When he leaves the apartment, she uses her 'spy glasses' (sunglasses with mirrors inside) to peek out the door to verify that he has actually left the building. Then she steals one of his everyday items, like a water bottle or gum or Altoids, and

adds it to her 'secret dad stash.' We had no idea she was doing this! For months, my husband kept on wondering where his stuff was disappearing to."

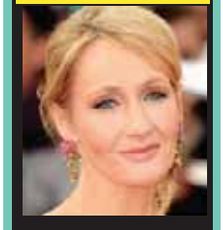
Name of Mom: Jill
Kid: Mac, 4
Why he makes a good spy:
"He has three alter egos. One is 'Secret Agent Puppy.' He came up with him after he got a children's spy kit that contains a magnifying glass, binoculars, fingerprint dusting powder and brush, invisible ink pen, code writing and cracking

instructions. He dusts drinking glasses and the door leading to our deck for prints, and then informs us that 'bad guys' were in our house."

Name of Mom: Marisa
Kid: Molly, age 8
Why she makes a good spy:
"She likes to sneak around our hallway with a little spy notebook and invisible ink. Unfortunately, all she has detected so far is our neighbours going to the recycling bin or carrying in bags from the

supermarket. But if there's ever a conspiracy on the 9th floor, she'll be on top of it." RAVEN SNOOK

False claims



J.K. Rowling is not amused by a publisher's promise that some of its books will be brought to her attention. PublishAmerica, in a message on its website, is telling authors that a "delegation" will soon meet with her in Edinburgh and tell the Harry Potter author about some of their books. Writers are asked to submit 50-100 word notes that the delegation will present to Rowling. The price: $49.
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Teen Alex Van Helsing hunts vampires in action-packed Voice of the Undead

Rocker reinvents herself

Indie musician Carrie Brownstein tries her hand at comedy and puts together a new female supergroup

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

You'll see a lot more of Carrie Brownstein in the next few months.

The guitarist, who first appeared on the indie rock radar in the '90s with her band Sleater-Kinney, had gone into semi-retirement not too long after that band's last album in 2005.

She did pop up on National Public Radio every now and then, but this year she has really amped up her exposure.

At the beginning of 2011, she and Saturday Night Live star Fred Armisen starred in the hilarious Portlandia series on the IFC network, which has ordered 10 new half-hour episodes to premiere in January.

"I think there's still part of me that operates under that assumption that if you have enough confidence and gumption and there's something real at the base of it, you can get there and make people believe."
CARRIE BROWNSTEIN

And all the while, she had been putting together Wild Flag, a supergroup with other women of '90s indie rock.

The band also includes Mary Timony from Helium, Rebecca Cole from the Minders and Sleater-Kinney drummer Janet Weiss.

Wait, wasn't Sleater-Kinney a trio? How does Corinne Tucker, the one member of S-K who isn't in Wild Flag, feel about that?

When we spoke with Brownstein earlier this year, she said that she and Tucker still talk frequently.

"I was really proud of Corinne: she did a solo record, which is something that I could never do," said Brownstein.

"It's definitely a daring, vulnerable move."

We reminded her that for a guitarist to start a comedy show certainly is daring and vulnerable too.

"As a kid I remember I'd always put on plays in my neighbourhood," she said. "I think there's still part of me that operates under that assumption that if you have enough confidence and gumption and there's something real at the base of it, you can get there and make people believe."

Wave that Flag

To say that Wild Flag approach their music with confidence and gumption is an understatement.

- **They own the stage** with classic rock riffs and melodies that surpass some of the material from their former bands.
- **They band** is hardly able to contain their excitement when they perform: "I really like collaborating," said Brownstein, "and obviously my new band is a huge collaboration."

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▶ Carrie Brownstein

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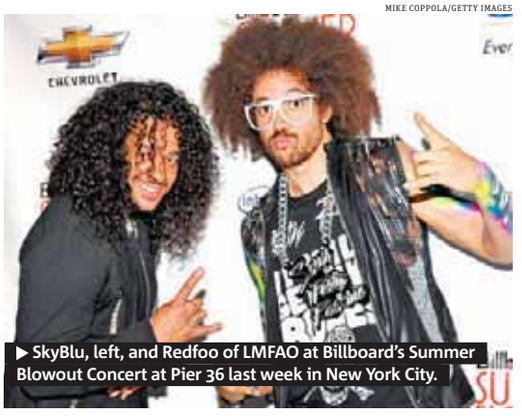

▶ SkyBlu, left, and Redfoo of LMFAO at Billboard's Summer Blowout Concert at Pier 36 last week in New York City.

LMFAO bring the party, yo

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Whether the members of LMFAO are getting spray-painted before shows, incorporating giant blow-up zebras into their act or drenching their audience in champagne, it's safe to say that life has been a nonstop party for the hip-hop/electro duo of DJs Redfoo and SkyBlu.

Redfoo is Skyblu's uncle, and music is in their blood: Berry Gordy, founder of the Motown record label, is Redfoo's father and SkyBlu's grandfather.

"We grew up around a lot of parties, so I think that really added to our personality," says SkyBlu while backstage at the Billboard Summer Blowout Concert in New York City.

"So when we make electro music, we make dance music for the club, I think that comes through. And like 'Foo says, Motown was dance music."

Redfoo says he's learned a thing or two from Motown's business approach: "They would teach artists how to walk, how to talk, how to make love to the fans. See, we break some of those rules, because they would say, 'In an interview, don't drop your pants and start doing the freak.' But me, I got to do it."

With that he drops his pants to reveal a pair of shiny gold briefs.

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Conan the gruesome

DVD getting shocking scenes theatrical release couldn't include Iconic character re-born

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After years on TV shows like Baywatch and Stargate: Atlantis, Jason Momoa is enjoying his jump to the big screen in Conan the Barbarian. Metro caught up with Momoa to talk about the right number of beheadings to make a scene work, baring all and the untimely end of his Game of Thrones character, Khal Drogo.

How was the preparation for playing such an iconic character?

I mean, that was very hard, dude. It's daunting because I've never seen my body in that kind of shape before. I've never done those kinds of things before, so it was really hard, for sure. But it was totally an honour because I'm a big fan, you know what I mean? I think they picked the right guy because I'm a huge fan of it — Frank Frazetta and the comic books — so I don't know, I didn't get scared or nervous or anything. I was really just super-excited about it the whole time.

You weren't worried about having to bare your backside on screen?

Well, I don't know man. I'm Hawaiian, man. You guys invented clothes, not me. I'm kind of fine with it. Obviously predominantly most of the stuff I've done I've had my shirt off. It's just ... kind of uncomfortable. I don't know. But it's Conan, and it's what he does. He makes love, he fights and he f—s, he drinks. It goes with the territory, you know what I mean?

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▶ Jason Momoa.

I heard there's some stuff for the DVD that was too gruesome for the theatrical release?

Yeah. You're going to be shocked. There's lots that was cut out that in truth I really loved but obviously was a little too gruesome.

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BEAST IS THE MASTER

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Sword-and-sorcery movies are easy to spot. Look for a bare-chested hero, damsels in distress, big swords and at least one character described as "a mysterious warrior of dark magic." You'll also see an epic story, a hint of romance, some fantasy and, of course swashbuckling battle scenes.

On film the genre had its heyday with two 1980s cheese fondues starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Brigitte Nielsen (as the She-Devil with a Sword) respectively — Conan the Barbarian and Red Sonja.

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▶ Canadian actor Marc Singer starred in the 1982 film Beastmaster

This weekend Hollywood hopes to breathe new life into the genre with a reimagining of the Schwarzenegger saga. Stepping in for Arnold Jason Game of Thrones Momoa will battle monsters, evil henchmen and a powerful witch, played by Rose McGowan in Conan the Barbarian.

Critics have always had an ambivalent relationship with sword and sorcery. The 1982 Conan the Barbarian was described as "both exciting AND unintentionally amusing," while Red Sonja was dismissed as "pure silliness, but not silly enough to qualify as amusing."

The Beastmaster is a 1982 film starring the Canadian-born Marc Singer as Dar, a warrior with a mystical control over all animals, has only has a 50 per cent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes, but has become a cult classic over the years due to near constant exposure on television. TBS played the movie so often it earned the nickname The Beastmaster Station. Ditto HBO which one writer joked stood for "Hey, Beastmaster is On."

Also dismissed by critics but worth a look is Atlas In the Land of the Cyclops, a 1961 film starring muscleman Gordon Mitchell, whose first show biz gig was as a strongman in Mae West's beefcake revue, and sex symbol Chelo Alonso as the prerequisite beautiful but evil queen. Strangely no character named Atlas actually appears in this Italian import — Mitchell plays Maciste, a hero made famous in silent Italian cinema, but unknown to American audiences—and Cyclops is only onscreen for about two minutes. Still, it's good Saturday matinee fun.

No mention of sword and sorcery films could be complete without Hercules. There are dozens of films starring the Greek demigod but Hercules Against the Moon Men must be the silliest. This grade z flick is so bad its director, Giacomo Gentilomo, who also made Slave Girls of Sheba and Goliath and the Island of Vampires, quit the film business shortly after the movie was completed.

America's got variety

Ratings surge for America's Got Talent as contestants bring out danger acts **Airs Tuesdays and Wednesdays**

Summertime is for cutting yourself some slack.

Television has its own seasonal playlist, mostly dominated by reality shows and topped by America's Got Talent, the NBC contest that takes an expansive view of achievement.

Yes, angelic-voiced Jackie Evancho, 11, was a star last season on AGT (the efficient nickname used by its producers and NBC). But the show, airing Tuesdays and Wednesdays on City TV and hosted by Nick Cannon, welcomes much more than elegant child sopranos.

There's a wide variety of singers as well as dancers, the stuff of other TV contests. Then add contortionists, impressionists, jugglers, magicians, ventriloquists and "danger acts," the injury-defying sort that push AGT onto vaudeville turf.

"For me, each year it's about giving the audience acts that others don't feature. We want different singers than American Idol and X Factor," said the show's executive producer, Cecile Frot-Coutaz. "And we want young, cool variety acts that people talk about."

This season, the mix has included a talking bird act, male pole dancer, BMX stunt team and a man who played a game of elimination by throwing himself on a series of boxes. One of them held a knife. The variety is working. The Tuesday episodes are up 22 per cent compared to last year, drawing an audience of 14.6 million, while Wednesdays are averaging a 12 per cent increase over 2010.

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▶ America's Got Talent has seen a ratings spike this summer.

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Breaking Bad records

High ratings help to see popular series get picked up for final season

The AMC network and producers of its popular Breaking Bad series about a chemistry teacher gone bad have agreed on making a fifth and final season of the show.

Production on the final, 16-episode run will begin early next year and hasn't been scheduled for air.

Negotiations with series maker Sony Television had reportedly been tense, with Sony even contacting other networks to see if they'd be interested in picking up the show if AMC bowed out. The cable network, with another costly and popular series in Mad Men, was looking to keep expenses down and had been seeking a shorter run of episodes.

Producers may have gained leverage with the strong performance of the series in its fourth season this summer. The season debut on July 18 had the series' highest ratings ever, and overall Breaking Bad has 28 per cent more viewers this season than it had the last, the Nielsen Co. said.

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▶ Breaking Bad's season debut was its highest ratings night ever.

"This is a great gift to me and my wonderful writers," said Vince Gilligan, series creator. "It's knowledge which will allow us to build our story to a satisfying conclusion. Now, if we don't manage to pull that off, we've got no one to blame but ourselves." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Awards

Breaking Bad continuing to win awards

▶ **Emmy Awards** Actor Bryan Cranston has won three Emmy Awards for his portrayal of lead character Walter White, who uses his chemistry knowledge to become a drug kingpin after receiving a cancer diagnosis.

TV watch list

Howie getting people to flash

TV SHOW. Watch how flash mobs — those surprise, public performances that feature dozens of participants and catch observers off-guard — are organized and executed in the pilot for the upcoming series Mobbed. Canadian jokester Howie Mandel guides the flash mob organizers as they prepare to surprise their loved ones or co-workers with song-and-dance spectacles

▶ Mobbed
Fox

Knowing the devil in your presence

013_DATELINE. Tonight's episode of the crime documentary series The Devil You Know is a bone-chilling one. It profiles Judith Mawson, who lived an idyllic lifestyle with her husband, Gary Ridgeway, in Seattle — until the police told her they believed he was the Green River serial killer.

▶ The Devil You Know
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Hell-o Harry: Most eligible royal back on the market?

It's over: Prince Harry and his model girlfriend part ways Rumour has it the ginger-haired hottie wants to focus on his helicopter training

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▶ Florence Brudenell-Bruce

▶ Prince Harry

Prince Harry and model Florence Brudenell-Bruce have reportedly called it quits because Harry is preparing for the army, according to People magazine.

"Harry has a lot on his mind at the moment. He is concentrating on his Apache helicopter training. After that he's expecting to return to Afghanistan," a source says of the Prince, who recently returned from a vacation with friends to Majorca.

"Harry enjoyed spending time with friends over the summer, but he doesn't want to be tied down in a relationship when training."

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Celebrity tweets

@TheEllenShow

"I had a lot of fun traveling around, but I'm glad to be home. Last night I got up to get some water and wound up in my closet."

@joelmchale

"About to go on Regis. I'm going to ask about his childhood and what it was like to ride a triceratops to school."

@ConanOBrien

"Betting big on tech stock. Is "America Online" a good company?"

@mrskutcher

"Time for bed fantasy football league owners dinner tonight time to get serious about my draft!"

▶ Salma Hayek

Salma embraces her crazy riches

Salma Hayek won't necessarily make any friends during the economic downturn, given her latest comments about being rich.

"I never understood the point of being privileged if you don't get to have the privileges," Hayek tells Allure magazine.

"Like, people who won't take their kids to an expensive restaurant, or won't travel with them, or make them pay for everything at a really young age. I think it's important that kids have responsibilities and understand the value of things, but I think it's great I get to travel the world with my daughter." Hayek married French billionaire Francois-Henri Pinault in 2009, and the pair have a three-year-old daughter, Valentina.

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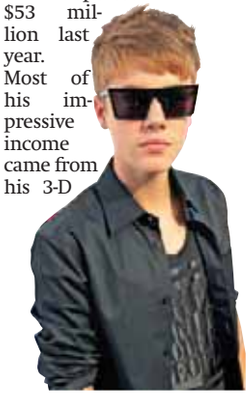
Biebs pulls in more than Miley Cyrus



Justin Bieber is Hollywood's richest teen, according to People magazine. The Canadian pop sensation pulled in a reported $53 million last year. Most of his impressive income came from his 3-D movie, Never Say Never, and his perfume line, Someday, which reached $3 million in retail sales in just three weeks.

Former No. 1 Miley Cyrus dropped to the second spot, earning only $48 million last year.

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Kick back in breathtaking Killarney

Nestled on the shores of Georgian Bay, Killarney is well-known for its rugged charm

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▶ Killarney Provincial Park is a popular destination for artists and outdoor lovers alike.

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It doesn't take long to decompress in Killarney, although a jump into the soothing waters of Lake Huron on a hot summer day certainly speeds up the process.

Lounging by the rocky shore of Georgian Bay, the stillness of the day is only occasionally broken by the sound of children playing on the beach or the gurgle of boats passing through the channel. Whether relaxing in the sun or feasting on mouth-watering fish and chips, Killarney offers a welcome respite from the complications of everyday life.

A five-hour drive north of Toronto, Killarney is famed for its rugged natural beauty.

Outdoor lovers and artists flock to Killarney Provincial Park, yet the region is remote enough to have escaped the crowds and development experienced further south in Muskoka and the Kawarthas.

The village of Killarney is the hub for the region, nestled among the red granite rocks of the Canadian Shield. It's a popular stop for sailboats and cruisers plying the Great Lakes, in addition to fans of hiking, kayaking, canoeing and rock-hounding.

Here visitors will find Killarney Mountain Lodge, a 46-room resort on the eastern edge of town.

Originally built as a private retreat for the Fruehauf Trailer Company of Detroit, the resort has been operated by Maury and Annabelle East since 1962. The cottage-like design hasn't changed much since then, with its inviting wood decor and comfortable furniture.

Friendly activity directors check in with guests to inform them about scheduled sailing excursions, kayak lessons and scenic hikes. "We try to encourage people to take those trips," says East.

What to do

- **Herbert Fisheries Fish and Chips**
  Killarney's main culinary attraction is Herbert Fisheries Fish and Chips. People have been known to fly in to town for the sole purpose of tasting their French fries and whitefish, lightly-battered and cooked to flaky perfection. There are no frozen fish sticks here.
- **Group of Seven**
  Killarney Provincial Park has been a popular spot for artists ever since the region was featured in paintings by the Group of Seven. A.Y. Jackson was so concerned about logging that he spearheaded a successful lobbying effort to set aside land to protect its rugged beauty, eventually leading to the founding of the park.
- **How to get there**
  From Toronto by car, take Hwy. 400 North to Hwy. 69 then take 637 West to Killarney. It is a 4½ to 5 hour drive.

3 life

Viva Las Vegas

A report shows tourism continued to improve in June in Las Vegas, with the 16th straight month of increases in visitors and average hotel room rates. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority released a report Wednesday that shows visitor numbers grew seven per cent and average daily room rates jumped 13 per cent in June compared with June 2010.

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New airport near Red Sea resort expected to boost tourism to southern Israel.

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NEWCOMERS' GUIDE TO THE CITY

Vancouver has a lot of great attractions for families that you may not know about From gardens to museums, and everything in between (without digging deep into your wallet)

Get a little cultured

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DR. SUN YAT SEN CHINESE GARDEN

WHY WE LOVE IT: A tranquil oasis in the midst of Vancouver's historic Chinatown, the garden is carefully planned with rocks imported from China, green water and specially selected shrubs and trees including pine, cypress, bamboo and winter-flowering plum. Take a guided tour followed by a cup of Chinese tea. Admission is $10-12; kids under five get in free. Get in by donation for the last half hour of the day, starting at 6:30 p.m.

TRY THIS: Get a free foot massage; at 11:45 every morning, help feed the koi fish. Chinatown neighbourhood walking tours leave every day from the garden entrance at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and go on all August.

DON'T MISS: The Enchanted Evenings concert series of swing, gypsy and hot jazz on Friday nights in August, starting from 7 p.m., $20 admission. Visit vancouverchinesegarden.com for details.

DIRECTIONS: Located at 578 Carrall Street (near the corner of Carrall and Keefer), next to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Public Park. It's an easy walk from Stadium SkyTrain Station.

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Coming Aug. 24: Your guide to free fun and educational attractions

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ANTIQUE ALLEY

WHY WE LOVE IT: Here's a group of antique shops offering everything from collectable vintage postcards, silver cutlery and a taxidermy rabbit set to bigger items like a red velvet chaise longue, 1920s chandeliers or intricate stained glass windows.

TRY THIS: The Exotic World Museum at Alexander Lamb Antiques featuring "wunderkammer," a collection of really interesting collectibles; Bakers Dozen's large assortment of quirky, cute and downright creepy vintage toys; and Architectural Antiques' rare Baccarat green-crystal chandelier from the 19th century.

DON'T MISS: Stop in one of Main Street's many cool cafés; and visit Planet Bingo nearby (at 11th Ave). It's the self-proclaimed "largest freestanding charitable bingo operation in North America."

DIRECTIONS: Antique Alley extends from ReFind at 3rd Ave. all the way up to 29th Ave. For a downhill walk, start at 29th. Take the #3 Main bus south from Main Street SkyTrain Station.

THE BEATY BIODIVERSITY MUSEUM

WHY WE LOVE IT: The museum is home to more than two million amazing animal specimens from all over the world — plants, animals, fungi and fossils you never knew existed. Admission is $8-12.

TRY THIS: Watch a puppet show, sit in for story time or make crafts. You can even help name a newly discovered species of spider!

DON'T MISS: The giant blue whale skeleton. Peer through the jaws of the largest animal in the world!

DIRECTIONS: Located at the University of British Columbia, 2212 Main Mall. Get there by taking any bus to UBC, including the #99 B-Line express bus along Broadway (catch it at Broadway/Commercial SkyTrain station or Broadway-City Hall SkyTrain station). The museum is within walking distance of the UBC bus loops.

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Editor's pick

Best hidden gem

Punjab Market (Little India)

Take in the sights, smells and wares at Vancouver's hotspot for all things India. You'll find everything from colourful bracelets and other jewelry, bright silk clothes and traditional bridal garments to Indian grocery stores, restaurants and sweet shops (you'll pay about $7 per pound for the colourful, fried sweets made of sugar, milk and condensed milk).

Take the #3 Main bus south from Main Street SkyTrain Station, or walk east to Main St. from the Langara-49th Ave SkyTrain Station at Cambie St. at 49th Ave.

DON'T MISS THESE SPOTS

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Vancouver Convention Centre: Check out the amazing view from the spectacular floor-to-ceiling windows inside the Vancouver Convention Centre (downtown at the far north end of Burrard St.) Keep an eye open for the art in and around the building, including the pixelated orca sculpture by Douglas Coupland. The 2010 Olympic Cauldron is next door in the Jack Poole Plaza.

Burnaby Village Museum: It's where period-costumed townsfolk help bring the historical village alive. Ride the beautifully restored wooden horses on the 1912 CW Parker Carousel and visit the farmers' market held every Saturday. Admission is currently free (in celebration of the museum's 40th birthday). Visit burnabyvillagemuseum.ca.

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Beat the heat with a Kentucky cave tour

World's longest known cave offers summer respite

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▶ Some of the Mammoth Cave tours cover six to eight kilometres.

Blasts of cool air offered a welcome reprieve from the scorching summer as a tour group descended into the depths of the world's longest known cave. Some visitors donned light jackets for the long hike past panoramic scenes of subterranean wonders.

Heading underground at Mammoth Cave National Park is a sure way to escape the dog days of August. The celebrated cave that has lured the curious for thousands of years remains a temperate 12 C year-round.

"It's the first time I've been cool in I don't know how long," said Sarah Hyatt, who travelled from Maryland to marvel at the massive limestone formations with her parents and her eight-year-old daughter.

Each year, about 700,000 people take the short trip off Interstate 65 to visit Mammoth Cave, with the peak time coming in summer. In winter, the cave's temperate climate gives it a balmy feel, said park spokeswoman Vickie Carson.

Tours cater to a range of visitors.

One tour suited for small children, the elderly and others who can't walk long distances covers about a half-kilometre and includes just a dozen stairs. Other tours cover six to eight kilometres and put participants through vigorous workouts.

On the popular Historic Tour, visitors take a winding three-kilometre hike that leads them some 95 metres below the surface.

It's not a stroll in the park. Participants have to chug up and down 440 stairs. Wide walkways leading into expansive "rooms" give way to belly-scraping paths that take a serpentine route through the rock.

For adults, there's stooping to manoeuvre past low rock ceilings and sideways squeezing to slip through a narrow passage in a part of the cave known as Fat Man's Misery. There's a steep climb up a stairway at a majestic part of the cave known as Mammoth Dome.

"How are those hour-long aerobic workouts working for you now?" Hyatt asked her mother as visitors huffed their way upward.

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Evidence indicates that the area's indigenous peoples ventured into the cave as far back as 2,000 to 4,000 years ago, apparently to scrape gypsum and other minerals off walls, said Carson, the park spokeswoman.

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- Orange slices
- Maraschino cherries

In blender container, pour in water, bourbon, lemonade and orange juice. Cover and process until smooth. With motor running, remove feeder cap; add ice cubes. Continue to process until smooth. Garnish with orange slice and maraschino cherry.

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Preparation:

1. Place corn on greased grill over medium high heat; close lid and cook turning occasionally for about 10 minutes. Remove to cutting board. When cool enough, cut kernels off. Place in bowl.
2. Bring potatoes to boil in a pot of water. Boil for 15 minutes or until tender when pierced but not falling apart. Remove with slotted spoon to cutting board. Add green beans into boiling water and cook for 5 minutes. Drain and cut in half; set aside.
3. Cut potatoes in half, larger ones in quarters and add to bowl with corn. Add green beans, tomato and basil.
4. In bowl, whisk oil, vinegar, sundried tomatoes, garlic, mustard and salt. Pour over potato mix and toss gently to coat.

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Ingredients:

- 4 cobs of corn, shucked
- 1 ½ lbs (750 g) mini new potatoes
- 8 oz (250 g) green beans, trimmed
- 1 field tomato, chopped
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) chopped fresh basil
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) each extra virgin olive oil and cider vinegar
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped sundried tomatoes in oil
- 2 cloves or 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
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I completed my undergraduate degree in Political Studies at Queen's University in April 2010. Like many students in a Bachelor of Arts program, I found it difficult to find meaningful employment each summer. With no formal business training, I applied to countless jobs with little luck.

I was particularly interested in marketing internships. I'd taken an introductory course at Queen's and gained volunteer experience in the field, but unfortunately, I lacked the theoretical knowledge taught in business programs.

As I sent off resumé after resumé, it finally dawned on me — I wasn't getting interviews because hiring managers weren't even reading my application. Since I wasn't a business student, none of my relevant skills seemed to matter.

Companies often dismiss BA students for summer positions because they don't have a business background.

Erin MacFarlane

This eliminates talented candidates from the hiring pool and perpetuates the myth that they're unqualified for these roles.

The truth is, many strategic and creative departments could benefit from the skills BA students bring to the table. Most of what an intern is responsible for is taught on the job. It's not about whether someone has completed dozens of marketing case studies in class; it's about being a fast learner and having the talent required to get the job done.

Researching essays all year long makes BA students strategic thinkers, thorough researchers and skilled writers. Arts students are able to think outside the box and analyze information at a high level. If you're searching for fresh energy and creative ideas, hiring an arts student is the way to go.

Companies need to expand the educational requirements for business-related jobs. Having a commerce degree should no longer be the top criteria for employment.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Erin's experience:

- While in school, engage in extracurricular and volunteer activities that allow you to build skills outside of your degree.
- Then, in interviews, be sure to thoroughly discuss how those activities have prepared you for the role. If you don't have the educational background, it's your job to convince the employer that you're more than capable.

HOW A BULLY GOT HER WAY

WORKPLACE LAW

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What happens to the workplace bully when he or she is fired for bullying?

Sharon Lynn Rodrigues, a manager at a Dairy Queen in Castlegar, B.C., was a very competent employee. But she was also a bully.

Rodrigues openly swore at work, referred to her staff as "stupid," arrived late, took long breaks and did not hesitate to criticize other employees for their performance. When she was in a foul mood, she was miserable to be around, and co-workers accused her of being verbally abusive. Even the restaurant's owner was afraid to confront her.

Although Rodrigues saw many of the staff as friends, they did not see it that way. They found her difficult to work for and highly critical.

Rodrigues's management style eventually caught up to her when complaints mounted to the restaurant's owner, Tim Kenna. One employee even inquired about a harassment claim. In response, Kenna resolved to deliver the message in the form of a probationary letter, warning Rodrigues that her behaviour was intolerable and that unless it improved, she would be fired. Kenna then left the store.

In Kenna's absence, Rodrigues launched a tirade against him, showing the letter to the staff and calling Kenna an idiot or a moron — or possibly worse. She even showed the letter to a customer. Eventually, she just left. The situation was extremely awkward for the staff and one of them threatened not to return to the store until the problem was resolved. When Kenna learned what happened, he fired her.

Out of a job of 16 years and without severance, Rodrigues sued. Amazingly, she was in luck. The legal doctrine of condonation provides that an employer cannot later rely on misconduct as grounds for discipline if no steps were taken to correct that behaviour when it first occurred. Here, Kenna made one crucial mistake. Although he was aware of the staff's concerns, he stood by, never formally warning Rodrigues that her behaviour was unacceptable — until it was too late. **DANIEL LUBLIN IS AN EMPLOYMENT LAWYER WITH WHITTEN & LUBLIN LLP. TO READ THIS ARTICLE IN ITS ENTIRETY VISIT METRONEWS.CA**

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▶ Udinese goaltender Samir Handanovic allows a goal on a shot by Theo Walcott of Arsenal yesterday.

‘A great player ... but he’s gone’

Void in the Arsenal midfield is evident after the sale of Cesc Fabregas to Barcelona

The void left in Arsenal’s midfield by the sale of ex-captain Cesc Fabregas has been exposed in the Gunners’ first two matches of the season.

Arsenal laboured to a 0-0 draw against Newcastle in the Premier League last weekend and then narrowly held on to an early 1-0 lead in the first leg of its Champions League playoff against Udinese last night.

Fabregas, who signed a five-year contract with boyhood club Barcelona on Monday, had provided the spark and vitality in Arsenal’s midfield in recent seasons.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has acknowledged losing a “world-class” player, but insists life goes on — a sentiment echoed by winger Theo Walcott, the goalscorer against Udinese.

“We’ve just got to carry on,” Walcott said after the Udinese match. “It’s time to move on. (Fabregas) was a great player for the club, but he’s gone.

“We still have some very talented players in the squad here and we believe we can achieve something this year.”

Jack Wilshere is likely to fill the playmaker role vacated by Fabregas, but the England international injured his right ankle in a pre-season match July 31 and it’s not clear when he will return. Wilshere was wearing a protective boot on his ankle in a hallway at Emirates Stadium before yesterday’s match, signalling there could still be some time before he is fit.

Tomas Rosicky, who passed a late fitness test to start last night, is filling the role in Wilshere’s absence. But he has failed to show anything near Fabregas’s vision and flair in midfield so far.

Arsenal showed early last night that it can create attacking opportunities without Fabregas. Bacary Sagna lifted a ball over Udinese’s defence, finding Aaron Ramsey. The midfielder burst down the right before delivering a perfect cross right in front of goal for Walcott, who volleyed off his right shin to make it 1-0 in the fourth minute.

Arsenal enjoyed the bulk of possession in the first half, but lacked any creativity or punch in midfield from that point on. Udinese had several chances to equalize.

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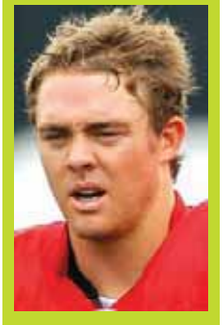

“He’s an outstanding guy and I learned a lot, so I was thankful for him being open to me even coming down there.”

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Cargo space

Raising the hatch reveals a cargo hold that's about 50 per cent larger than that of the standard Prius. However, with the 60:40 split-folding rear-seat and the front-passenger seat back lowered, interior stowage volume bests most other compact wagons on the market and nearly matches Toyota's mid-size Venza wagon for space.

When transporting people, the rear bench can be adjusted fore and aft and will recline up to 45 degrees.

SofTex

With the launch of the v, Toyota is also introducing what it calls SofTex. It's an optional synthetic leather-like seat covering that the company claims is lighter than leather, more stain resistant and uses far fewer nasty chemicals in the manufacturing process than other faux leather materials.

All Prius models arrive well equipped, and among the more interesting options is a Panoramic View Moonroof with power-retractable sunshades.

Engine

The Prius v shares the 98-horsepower, 1.8-litre gas engine and 80-horsepower electric motor (that generates 134 net horsepower) and continuously variable transmission with its smaller hatchback sibling.

Still, even with the use of lighter high-strength steel and aluminum, the v is about 100 kilograms heavier than a regular Prius and pays the price in the fuel-economy department.

▶ An extension of the Prius brand, literally, the Prius v is bigger in just about every way except under the hood. It's the same powertrain found in the Prius hatchback.

The Prius' 'v' stands for versatile

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And then there were two.

The Prius brand is welcoming a new family member with the autumn arrival of the Prius v wagon. Toyota explains the lower-case "v" stands for versatile, but perhaps the automaker should have also added a "p" for practicality.

The current Prius hatchback that was introduced for the 2010 model year is already plenty practical, but the upcoming wagon goes one better. It also has a more conventional appearance that should make the Prius more appealing to a wider range of buyers. And the fact that the v's similar gasoline-electric power team produces exemplary fuel economy numbers — although not nearly as good as the hatch — is one more checkmark in its favour.

The adjustments in converting the Prius into a Prius v are many. First off, the distance between the front and rear wheels has been increased. The roof has also been elevated and the body width increased just a touch.

From the driver's perspective, the v's nearly vertical liftgate makes for improved rear vision.

So far, Toyota is keeping mum on the cost of v ownership, but an on-the-road price in the $32,000 range is expected. At that rate, the v could add the letter "s" for successful to the wagon's nomenclature.

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Last-gen Impreza looks like a reliable performer

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2008 to 2011 Subaru Impreza

For years, the Subaru Impreza has been a popular choice for shoppers after all-season performance, versatility and driving confidence.

A lifestyle-oriented model with a reputation for reliability, safety and a "go-anywhere-anytime" attitude, Impreza boasted standard AWD across the board, sedan or five-door variants, and automatic or manual transmissions.

Look for features like a sunroof, automatic climate control, automatic lights, tinted glass and heated seats. Touring, Limited and Convenience packages were also available, depending on the year in question.

Engine

Standard Impreza models got Subaru's 2.5-litre boxer four-cylinder engine, which whipped up 170 horsepower. A four-speed automatic or five-speed manual were available.

What owners like

Handling and driving dynamics, all-season traction, overall performance and flexibility are all highly rated by the Subaru Impreza's owner community. Ride comfort, headroom and overall value complete the list of owner-stated positives.

What owners dislike

A low-budget and "plasticky" interior feel, road noise and a less-than-adequate factory stereo system are common complaints. Some owners note that fuel consumption can be thirstier than a comparable two-wheel drive car.

Common issues

Check the windshield for an oily film that may impede vision. This could indicate a problem with a leaky heater core that's allowing coolant to evaporate. Check the front footwells for signs of dampness through the carpet, which could indicate a water leak. Ensure the air conditioner works properly, check the liftgate (if equipped) and look for broken or missing interior trim pieces.

Verdict

This generation of Impreza didn't pack any new and radical technology, though it seems to be a solid and reliable performer as a result. With a thumbs-up from a mechanic, owners can expect a reliable and worry-free all-season driving experience for years to come.

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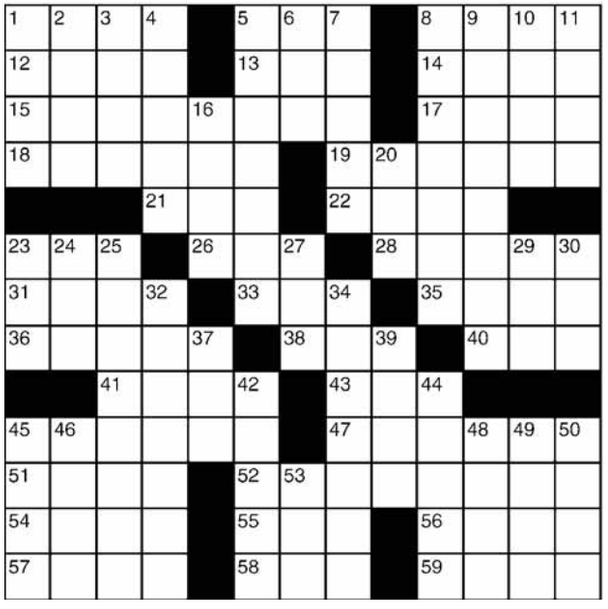

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21 Superlative ending
22 Nevada city
23 Part of the load for 47-Across
26 That guy
28 Cut at an angle
31 Clay-rich soil
33 Two-timer
35 Showroom sample
36 Pesto ingredient
38 Energy
40 Abrade
41 Child's play
43 D.C. figure
45 Declare as fact
47 Rock band assistant
51 Bees' home
52 Clover-leaf feature
54 Kiln
55 "— the season ..."
56 Quick cut
57 Three feet
58 Chances, for short
59 Simple

Down

1 Awestruck
2 Carry on
3 Still
4 Eagle's nest
5 Stretchable
6 X rating?
7 Stogie
8 Removed dirt from
9 Drinker's woe
10 Dust Bowl refugee
11 Makes two into one
16 "Be quiet!"
20 Society newbie
23 Priestly garment
24 Extinct bird
25 Seder time
27 Chart
29 Ostrich's cousin
30 High shot
32 The 3 in 3 - 2 = 1
34 Sadden
37 Varnish ingredient
39 Penniless
42 Picture
44 Expire
45 "Hi, sailor!"
46 "— Las Vegas"
48 Comical Carvey
49 Wife of Osiris
50 Catch sight of
53 Bigwig, for short

▶ Yesterday's answer

C	A	K	E		W	A	G		D	E	B	S
O	V	A	L		E	W	E		O	L	L	A
R	O	L	L	C	A	L	L		L	I	O	N
E	N	E		H	R	S		B	L	A	C	K
			P	A	Y		N	O	H			
A	B	B	O	T		B	A	Z	O	O	K	A
B	A	A	L		B	U	G		U	P	O	N
C	H	A	L	K	E	D		O	S	T	I	A
			T	I	N		A	R	E			
S	T	E	A	D		V	I	A		S	K	I
L	Y	N	X		T	O	L	L	R	O	A	D
O	K	I	E		A	T	E		C	U	R	L
W	E	D	S		B	E	D		A	L	L	Y

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Sudoku

		8	3			5		
3	2			4	7			
9			2				8	
7				9				6
		3				1		
2				8				5
	3				2			4
			6	5			1	3
		7			1	2		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	9	7	4	1	6	3	5	8
6	8	1	3	9	5	7	2	4
3	5	4	6	2	7	1	8	9
8	7	9	5	3	4	2	1	6
4	6	3	1	8	2	5	9	7
5	1	2	7	6	9	8	4	3
9	2	6	8	5	3	4	7	1
7	3	8	9	4	1	6	5	2
1	4	5	2	7	6	9	3	8

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Awesome #1
I am going to miss being awesome with you. I guess too much awesome is destructive. Have fun in your adventures and I hope we can be awesome again in the future <3 **AWESOME #2**

HJT, To the love of my life, though we are hours apart I'll always have a part of you with me. Five months and counting xo **CP**

Nadia Walli, I love you more than any word can say, I love you more than every action I take & I'll be right here loving you till the end Nadia Walll :) **DEAN DUNCAN**

Samula, Your lips colliding against mine make my heart sing at the top of its lungs. You make my hectic life, rational. You make doing nothing, everything. Wuv u bb. **ECREAMZ**

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Creatively and romantically this is your time of year, so get out there.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It may annoy you that someone is telling tales about you, but does it really matter? There is precious little they can do to make you look bad.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The Sun close to your ruler Mercury makes it easy to express yourself.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You are overdue for good news. If it does not arrive today, it will certainly arrive tomorrow.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 What you want more than anything is total confidence, and according to the planets, you might get it today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 This may not be an easy time for you but at least now you can put a name to your fears.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your outlook on life will change for the better over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Keep telling yourself that you will succeed. Keep telling yourself that you have what it takes.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You have a duty to tell the truth, so speak up — even if some people's feelings get hurt.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Be on the lookout for money-making opportunities over the next 24 hours. You'd make a great CEO!

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A friend will say something that shocks you. He or she is only human. Don't be too judgmental.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You should find it easier to organize your routine. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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